

It is estimated that not more than 5% of the labor force moves deliberately from one job to a better job.

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'Can't Afford Health, Security,' Say Hoover, Taft

It is very important to analyze one of the great propaganda lines of the reactionary bloc in Congress. This is inherent in the outcry against what is called, "government spending." The skeleton is in the planned confusion between **dollars** and **things.**

Ex-President Hoover and Senator Taft declare "we cannot afford" social security. If a vote were taken in the Senate on the question, about 40 senators would vote to repeal the Social Security Act in its entirety and abolish old age pensions. Roughly, they are the same 40 whose votes are controlled largely by the power lobby and who are the core of the support for the Taft-Hartley Act and the Taft program for abolishing free unions.

MEANINGLESS TALK

When these reactionaries speak of America not being able to "afford" social security or good housing or medical care they talk in **dollars.** They know this is meaningless.

The test of whether the U. S. can "afford" old age pensions and social security is **whether this country has the productive wacilities, labor and time available to produce the actual food, clothing and shelter for the old people.** One can see the real test is the ability to produce actual things if he considers the case of China and Japan. It would be useless to pass a social security law in China or Japan guaranteeing a high degree of comfort for the aged. In those countries it is impossible to produce the necessary food, clothing and shelter to carry out the promises of any such law.

CAPACITY AVAILABLE

However, in the United States we have the capacity to produce the necessary things — the actual physical materials which can give us good housing, medical care and adequate social security. The reactionaries know this. They know they are wrong when they say we cannot "afford" them. These reactionaries would rather close down factories and discharge employees than see the aged and infirm properly treated—or see good housing and adequate medical care.

It is a mistake to view these reactionaries as they would like to have us view them—as human beings of good will. That is erroneous. They are small men who twist the facts.

Every reactionary in the Senate knows full production of materials and goods is sufficient to furnish everything covered in the Fair Deal program for social security, housing and medical care.

Excavations Started for State Prison

Union members supplied from locals in Salinas were busy this week on preliminary work for the construction of a new $10,000,000 state "medium security" prison at Soledad.

Excavations were underway with heavy equipment on the job and preparations were being made for the pouring of the footings, union officials said.

Business Agent J. B. McGinley of Salinas Laborers Union 272 reported that 25 union laborers were on the job digging for the footings and doing other work.

Business Agent Harvey Baldwin of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 reported nearly as many carpenters on the project erecting sheds and frame buildings and making forms for the concrete pour.

Underground conduit was being laid also and work was being completed on the concrete mix "batch plant" for Granite Construction Co., which will do most of the concrete pour, it was reported.

Rent Decontrol Program Fought By Monterey CLC

Proposals to lift controls on rents in the Monterey area have drawn the opposition of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council, according to Acting Secretary George L. Rice.

The Monterey City Council has scheduled a public hearing on the rent decontrol program and labor council representatives will attend to oppose vigorously the plan to remove the rent regulations, Rice said.

Unions taking the leadership in seeking continuance of rent controls include Culinary-Bartenders 483, of which Rice is secretary; Fish Cannery Workers Union, headed by President Joe Perry, Secretary Roy Humbracht and Business Agent Lester Caveny, and Teamsters 890, headed by Secretary Peter A. Andrade.

New School Job Getting Underway

Preliminary work in the construction of a new $150,000 elementary school at Prunedale, near Salinas, was due to be started this week, according to J. B. McGinley, business agent of Salinas Laborers Union 272.

Contractor on the job is E. A. Hathaway of San Jose. Site of the new school is on the north side of Pesante Canyon Road, north of Salinas.

BARTENDERS WIN PRAISE DURING MONTEREY FETE

Union bartenders and union hat check girls sent out by Culinary-Bartenders Local 483 of Monterey for service during the recent Governor's Ball, highlight of the Monterey Centennial Celebration, won high praise from officials for their efficiency.

George L. Rice, secretary of the union, was a member of the committee for the Governor's Ball and saw to it that skilled workers were called for duty. The affair was held in the ballroom of the former Del Monte Hotel, now a Navy school.

Working Harder

Chicago.—That American labor is working harder and producing more is the major conclusion of a survey conducted by the industry journal, Mill & Factory. Answering a questionnaire sent to 1,000 companies, the magazine said, 53 per cent reported that employee productivity this year is higher than the output per man-hour a year ago.

OFFICERS CLUB AT FORT ORD IS NOW UNION

A fully-union civilian crew has been placed in the Officers Club at Fort Ord by Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 483, according to George L. Rice, union secretary.

Following the completion of an agreement with officers in charge of the club, the union sent to the club Phillip Woodside, noted chef who formerly was at the El Rancho Inn at Sacramento and formerly was with the Mission Inn in Monterey.

Ten other workers in the Officers Club were supplied by Local 483 also, Rice said.

Some Tuna Packed

With the price to be paid fishermen for sardines still not finally agreed to by many canners in Monterey area, plants were not packing sardines last week. However, some tuna were caught and packed, according to officials of the Fish Cannery Workers Union.

Carpenters New Hall Nearly Done

With the new Monterey Carpenters Hall nearly completed, unions are expected to move in within the next two weeks, it was reported. Date for the moving had not been set at time of report, but delays which had prevented the move by Labor Day were said to be overcome now. Plans for an official dedication ceremony for the new building, owned by Carpenters Union 1323, are being laid, it was said.

AFL, CIO To Cooperate In Political Drive

Los Angeles.—Whenever the AFL, CIO and other unions have the same political candidates and support the same issues, they will work together, Director Jack Kroll of the CIO Policial Action Committee said here.

"We will work together whereever and whenever we have the same political objectives and candidates," Kroll said, "and we'll work with other unions too—the machinists, the railroad brotherhoods and the mine workers."

Kroll made his announcement following a conference with Director Joseph D. Keehan of Labor's League for Political Education, who came here to address the recently concluded 47th annual convention of the California Federation of Labor. Kroll said he was in California to tighten up CIO's political organization for the 1950 elections.

The CIO director said he is trying to avoid a repetition of 1946, when 35 per cent of the voters made the state's political decisions. And that goes for Ohio, too, where CIO will join with the AFL to unseat Senator Robert A. Taft in 1950, Kroll said.

Neither Kroll nor Keenan committed himself on California labor's feelings about James Roosevelt, eldest son of the late President, who is expected to be a candidate for governor of California next year. But Kroll admitted he was a "qualified contender," while Keenan watched the state convention give the ex-Marine colonel one of the gathering's loudest ovations.

Clean Up Congress!

San Diego.—AFL President William Green urged an intensive political action campaign in 1950 to sweep out of Congress the "Tory obstructionists" who have blocked the Fair Deal program, in a speech here September 5.

The AFL leader's call for a huge labor vote in the 1950 elections was made at a mammoth Labor Day celebration. Some 20,000 AFL members, their families and friends climaxed a three-day festival with an all-day picnic which featured motor boat races, a night parade of floats designed by AFL locals and a testimonial dinner for Green. It was the greatest Labor Day celebration in the history of San Diego.

Denouncing Congress for not carrying out the mandate of the 1948 elections "in favor of progress and social justice," Green blamed a tight coalition of Southern Dixiecrats and reactionary Republican forces.

He criticized Congress for failing to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act, for not revitalizing the Social Security system and for not passing a health insurance program. "To its everlasting shame," he added, "Congress also failed to enact a civil rights program."

Hitler Still Lives, Says Hugo Ernst

Cincinnati.—Hitler may be dead, but his ideas are still very much alive.

Recently returned from a trip to Germany, President Hugo Ernest of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Union (AFL) wrote in the union's monthly journal: "Instead of turning resolutely to the task of ridding the land of the Nazis and the Nazi sympathizers, many (Germans) nurse hopes of a return of Hitler's maniac drive for world domination."

Despite the heroic efforts on the part of union representatives and other liberals, Ernst said, "the tendency among American administrators has been to play along with the old rulers of German industry and to soft-pedal all ideas of a vigorous resurgence of democracy."

According to Ernst, the German union movement, if permitted, would quickly wipe out tendencies toward Nazism. "But," he added, "reactionaries run the show. . . . One can hardly expect agents of big business, which through Taft-Hartley devices tries to hog-tie unions at home, to give unions abroad a freer hand to build democracy."

Athlete's foot, from which a large percentage of Americans suffer at some time during their lives, is caused by a microscopic fungus that does best for itself in warm moist environments.



NEW HOPE FOR FARM PLAN—A White House conference gave hope for a token tryout of the Brannan farm support plan. Meeting with the President to discuss the plan are (seated, left to right) Representative Stephen Pace (D., Ga.), Truman, Representative Harold D. Cooley (D., Tenn.). Standing are (left to right) Senator Elmer Thomas (D., Okla.), Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan, Senator Clinton P. Anderson (D., N. M.) and Senator Scott W. Lucas (D., Ill.).

Boycott Private Disability Plans

(Calif. State Federation of Labor Release)

The 47th Convention of the California State Federation of Labor adopted unanimously the statement of policy and the report of the Committee on Resolutions, authorizing and urging an immediate boycott of all private disability insurance carriers.

The Resolutions Committee in its report stated that it believed this matter was one of the most important questions to be decided by the delegates to this convention. It said, "The boycott on private plans is essential because the continued adherence to such types of plans will ultimately destroy the entire structure of the original law."

It pointed out that contributions under the program are compulsory by law, whether the employee is under the State or a private plan, and it further pointed out that the program is exclusively for the benefit of employees who pay for its entire cost.

DROP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Under the State plan, any reserves accumulated in excess of the cost of administration in benefit payments remain available for the benefit of the employees under the law, but reserves obtained by private companies are retained by the companies and used either as refunds to employers or as dividends. **Employees are thus put in the position of turning over large sums of their own money to their employers through the insurance companies.**

The committee strongly urged all unions to drop their private plans as soon as possible without violating collective bargaining agreements.

This matter was considered of such importance that Secretary-Treasurer Haggerty took the floor to explain the whole background of the disability law. He pointed out that the Medical Association and insurance carriers were so opposed to the disability law when it was proposed in 1946 that it was necessary to give private carriers some role in the law. He pointed out that the AFL in California has believed, and will always believe, in free enterprise, and was therefore willing to give private carriers a chance to show what they could do.

FOR PROFIT, OF COURSE

However, Haggerty pointed out, "Insurance companies told you, and they are still telling you, that they are writing policies to benefit the worker. I want to say here and now that that has proven not to be the fact. They are not written for the benefit of the worker. **They are written for the profit of the insurance company."**

He pointed out that the insurance companies had combined with all anti-labor forces in Sacramento to **oppose all types of social legislation,** as well as to promote anti-labor legislation.

Every delegate, Secretary Haggerty urged, must understand the crucial importance of this boycott of the private carriers. He urged the delegates to renounce for the present the higher benefits which can be obtained in some instances under private carrier plans in order that the monopolistic and legislative power of the insurance lobby might be broken and a true liberalization of the disability law obtained for the benefit of all the workers in the state.

McBreen to Portland

The office of IAM General Vice-President Joseph L. McBreen has been transferred from Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Mead Building, Room 706, 421 S.W. Fifth Ave., Portland 4, Oregon.

Checkup Shows Bartender Fete Was Big Success

Compilation of a statement on costs and net proceeds of the recent Bartenders Union 545 barbecue outing and entertainment at the Salinas Rodeo Gun Club grounds showed that the affair was a great success, Union Secretary Al Clark reports.

Approximately $600 was raised through the event, the sum to go into the union's fund for benefit purposes, Clark said.

More than 250 persons attending the party enjoyed fine barbecued steaks and participated in entertainment features on the grounds. The event was held August 23, a local election day which caused bars to be closed.

Mrs. Gregory On Trip East

Mrs. Neva Gregory, office secretary for Carpenters Union 1323 and other building trades unions in the Monterey area, left on Admission Day for Illinois and other points east.

Mrs. Gregory said she planned to spend a full month on her vacation trip, which includes train travel through the mid-West with visits to friends and relatives. She is due back October 10.

During the absence of Mrs. Gregory, office duties will be handled by Mrs. Lucille Smith, who has served during other vacation periods.

Bartenders 545 To Meet Monday

The only September meeting of Bartenders Union 545 of Salinas this year will be held on Monday, September 19, according to Al Clark, union secretary.

Meeting scheduled for September 5, which was Labor Day, was cancelled, he added.

Mildred Putman Back With 467

Back as office secretary with Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas is Mildred Putman, who served the union during a portion of the war period several years ago.

Gertrude Reeves, office secretary for the past two years, resigned last week, it was reported.

What Economy?

There has been a lot of talk in the Senate about cutting the budget.

But on August 2, the Senate passed a bill appropriating $7,663,429,323 for the independent offices. This was $500 million more than the House voted for these same functions.

What was that some senator was saying about federal expenses?

British 'Crisis' Shakes Private Profit System

The so-called British dollar crisis, which has brought England's Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and economic czar Stafford Cripps to Washington with hands outstretched, is really a crisis of the whole private ownership monopoly as well as a quiet slap at Britain's labor government by U. S. monopolists.

In its youth, this system was known as free enterprise or competitive industrial capitalism. A fairly widespread profit motive was its prime mover. No factory-made article could be produced or distributed unless some employer or merchant could make a profit on the deal. Profit, not supply and demand, determined what was made and how much. This was proved by recurrent slumps, when food was left to rot and goods stayed in warehouses at precisely the times when most people went hungry and unclothed—because they could not pay a **profit-yielding price.**

FREE ENTERPRISE DEAD

Today, as any ex-independent corner grocer now behind a chain store counter can tell you, the old free enterprise is practically dead. Production and distribution in many countries are still moved only by profit—but by the profit of a very few instead of a good number. The average small manufacturer or merchant is not even allowed to try for a profit unless some bank finds it profitable to lend him money, or some national brand manufacturer to give him an agency or subcontract. This is known as monopoly, or finance capitalism. Under it, when the big fish have eaten the little ones, the biggest ones start on the merely big. And depressions are bigger too. Instead of single trades, or at most nations, they affect the whole free enterprise world.

MAKE 'EM WORK HARDER

Under gathering world depression clouds today, the Bevin-Cripps pilgrimage to Washington is an attempt by a shrinking Mr. Big to seek better merger terms from a victorious, but uneasy, Mr. Bigger. In the **time-honored, stern-faced banker's way,** Mr. U. S. Bigger tells hat-in-hand Beaten British Big that he had better pay his help less and make them work harder if he wants more credit. In the equally time-honored way of the debtor, the British half wheedle, half threaten that all business will go to the devil if terms are too harsh, and even Bigger himself won't escape the consequences. Particularly as some other fellows across the street, the Russians, Chinese and assorted east Europeans, **have started a cooperative** that asks no loans and wants to make things **for use with no profit to anyone,** Big, Bigger or even Small (with a capital letter). If Big and Bigger fight each other too hard, the British say, these subversive characters may succeed. Worse yet, others may follow their example.

WORLD COOLIE SYSTEM

The British say that if they don't get dollars quickly this might "impair Britain's ability to continue safeguarding joint British and U. S. interests in Hongkong and the Middle East; a depression in Malaya, resulting from reduced U. S. purchases of tin and rubber, might open the door to more social discontent and communism." This means, briefly, that unless the British are paid to do police work, the natives in these countries might take possession of their own natural resources for their own benefit, instead of being whipped into working for coolie wages for the profits of Messrs. Bigger and Big.

From the sidelines of the argument, a New York Times' Washington correspondent worried as long ago as June 21: "The Soviet Union . . . has contended from the first that capitalist economies ultimately will be the victims of self-induced economic depressions. The fear is that this Marxist prophecy may come a little too close to the fact."

Seattle Greyhound Offer Is Refused

Seattle.—What the North Coast Greyhound bus line termed its "best and final" offer was rejected by striking members of Local 1384, Amalgamated Assn. of Street Electrict Railway & Motor Coach Employees (AFL).

Although precise voting figures were not announced, rejection of the proposal was described as "overwhelming" by a union spokesman. The 500 workers have been on strike since June 11.

Latest management plan included a demand that drivers be paid on a mileage rate instead of by the hour. This was the issue which caused the walkout, the first in the local's history.

The mileage method of payment, the union charged, will mean longer hours for some drivers and no jobs for those with the least seniority.

Union leaders hailed the strikers' vote against the company as proving their "determination to retain the working conditions they have had for many years."

The union offered to submit the dispute to arbitration but the bus line balked, saying some of the issues involved are "purely managerial functions."

Successor to Taft Groomed

Cleveland. — Senator Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) will be defeated for re-election in 1950, National Director Joseph D. Keenan of Labor's League for Political Education predicted here Sept. 5, addressing 7,000 AFL members at a Labor Day rally.

Keenan said the Ohio senator will lose his bid for another term because he has consistently led the fight in Congress against the interests of the American people.

"We intend to wage our campaign against Taft by stressing his record and educating and making the voters aware of that record, in which he has been taking good care of big business while refusing to do anything for the people on housing, prices, wages and social welfare," Keenan said.

Keenan denied that major unions would send delegations to Ohio to mobilize the workers against Taft. "The people here are smart and intelligent and they don't need any outsiders to tell them what they want," Keenan observed. "They can figure it out for themselves, and I am sure that if they are given the opportunity to check and review Taft's record they will vote him out of office."

Five candidates are being considered to oppose Taft, the AFL leader said. They are Mayor Thomas A. Burke of Cleveland, State Auditor Joseph T. Ferguson, Representatives Stephen M. Young and John McSweeney, and Murray D. Lincoln, farm cooperative movement leader.

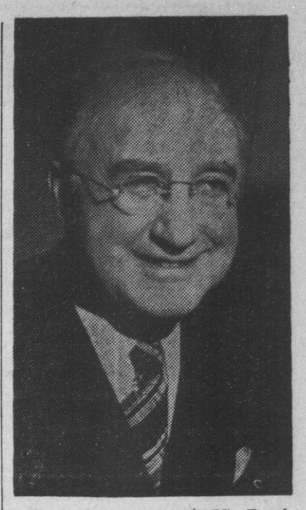
Shocking Jobs To Be Probed

Boston.—Revealing that he had received reports of shocking working conditions in some industries, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin told a Labor Day rally on Boston Common Sept. 5 that he intended to check personally to find out whether conditions are as bad as described.

"I am going to observe first-hand what, if I have been correctly informed, are nothing less than cesspools of human misery and industrial wrong," Tobin said.

Tobin expressed grave concern for the "men and women who are not protected by law and union membership, who are therefore forced to accept a submarginal living wage, who eke out an existence almost as economic slaves."

The labor secretary pointed hopefully to an upturn in business activity, saying that production was rising and unemployment claims declining. "Businessmen who have been liquidating their inventories," he said, "are ordering again to build up their depleted stocks."



MAY STOP THE MUSIC—President James C. Petrillo of the American Federation of Musicians (AFL) has threatened to pull orchestras out of New York city hotels, theaters, cafes and taverns because of a jurisditcional dispute with the American Guild of Variety Artists (AFL).

Farmer and Labor—1 Goal

Syracuse, N. Y.—Cooperation, not conflict, is the keynote in the relationship of industrial workers and the farmers declared Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin before the New York State Labor-Management Conference here.

"This need for close cooperation —this interdependence of city and country—has not always been as important as it is today," he said. Tobin pointed out that in the earliest days of our history it was easy for individuals to make their own living without affecting or being affected by the actions of others. "Those were the days when each household was virtually a self-contained economic unit," he added.

The secretary then traced the change from the "simple existence" to the specialization by individuals, with resulting more efficient production, and in turn a higher standard of living. "It is this specialization and intensive development of skills which has been the most important factor in building for our people the highest standard of living in the history of the world," he said.

Tobin emphasized that we have paid a price for what we have gained. He stated that as we developed certain skills, we lost others. "What, then, have we lost?" he asked. "We have lost our self-sufficiency; we must now depend upon one another."

He also outlined the individual's dependency for his economic welfare upon the rest of his group; and the interdependency of groups —farmer and labor alike—upon international economic stability. "We must therefore speak in terms of building a stable world economy," Tobin said.

Secretary Tobin said there are other aspects to this price we pay for specialization. These are that the industrial worker has lost some of that stimulus to produce which he had when he made a whole product and specialization in farming has resulted in a commercialism which has the same dangers to the economic security of the farmer as specialization has had to the industrial worker.

"The function of our government with these problems is surley not to attempt the impossible," he declared. "Our aim must be to harness our increased skills and use them to build both the individualism and the prosperity which gives rise to security in mind and body."

Tobin also said that we have to watch carefully for the first signs of decline in our economy and that we must prevent the spread of unemployment by curing the beginnings of the disease. "Similarly, we must watch farmers' income very carefully and bolster it whenever necessary to maintain a stabilized level," he said.

"The combination of programs for farmer and city-worker which is being advocated by this administration, constitutes a logical economic pattern for our activities in the future. I am certain that its adoption will help meet the needs of our country and the world which depends on its prosperity.

Open Drive On 6-Hr. Day

New York.—A nation-wide drive to help organized labor win the 6-hour day at 8-hour pay has been launched by the Six-Hour League.

The league will issue books, pamphlets, films and other educational media, expanding on the theme that the 6-hour day is the best practical approach to the problem of unemployment, the organization's acting chairman, Matthew Smith, said here Sept. 6.

The new group is now engaged in mustering support from union, political and civic leaders, Smith said. He noted that the Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated) recently announced its backing of the 30-hour week.

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TELEPHONE RATES GO UP

With big business getting the largest net profits of all time it should be noted that our telephone monopoly is not at all backward about getting in on the kill, so as to get their share of the swollen profits.

Here in California we have had a commission set up which is presumed to keep down the insatiable appetites of public utility companies. This commission is also supposed to otherwise control the greed of these monopolies.

What seems to have developed in California, however, is that instead of being controlled by this commission these monopolies are the ones that control the commission. All those wanting more need to do is to go through the form of asking for a raise and invariably they get it. Hence it is not surprising that the owners of the telephone monopoly got the desired approval of the increases they are now to inflict on the public.

They will probably keep on getting further increases until an outraged and thoroughly fleeced public rises in its might to establish municipal ownership as their only out. That is what the people of Pasadena did when the light and power monopoly decided to soak them more than anybody else because so large a percentage of the population was supposed to be well-to-do. It would behoove other localities to look into the results at Pasadena over a period of more than 40 years. It is high rates, instead of propaganda, that brings municipal ownership.

SOURCES OF MISINFORMATION

Our daily newspapers are notorious for supplying their readers with misinformation. This is especially true when it comes to politics, economics and right now foreign policy.

That our daily newspapers are becoming known for just what they are, namely unreliable sources of many kinds of information, was emphatically demonstrated in the last national election, when the people voted the opposite of the way the newspapers both told them to vote and loudly predicted they would vote.

Lying goes back as far as man has had organized government. But there has never been such accomplished liars in charge of affairs as today operate most of our newspapers and much of our politics. The chief reason for this is that our people have the power to control by majority vote. Hence those who would get into control must either honestly convince or dishonestly fool the people into electing them to positions of power.

Fortunately for the human race it is always the truth that wins out in the long run. Temporary political victories, which have been won by misrepresentation, usually boomerang on those who seemed to succeed for the time being. Nobody can continue to fool a fully awakened and alert people for very long. It is because they have been fooled in the past that our American workers are now organizing to make better and more united use of their political power than they have ever done before, nor will daily newspaper propaganda and misrepresentation mislead them in 1950.

WE'LL ALL BE OLD SOMETIME

Everybody expects or at least hopes to live to a ripe old age. For this reason our entire voting population should be interested in preventing our present pension law from being repealed. To permit those who want to bring about this repeal to get away with their present plan would be a misfortune not only for the old people of today but also for the young people, who will be old tomorrow.

What is wrong with the repeal measure that will appear on the ballot as Proposition No. 2 in the special election to be held next November is that it would completely repeal the present law and restore the badly jumbled law that was in force to govern pensions before the people adopted the present law, which is now a part of the constitution and cannot be changed without first submitting it to a vote of the people of California.

If the present law should be repealed it would once more place the legislature in a position to reduce the pensions or make any other changes in the law, without the people voting on it. That very plan was not at all satisfactory before and there is no likelihood of it ever being any better than it used to be. Some of us are old now. The rest of us will be old later on. With any faults our present law may have it is the best that any state has enacted up to date. Let us keep it as our law for the present. Help defeat this attempt to kill it by voting No on No. 2 next November 8th. See to it that you keep this date without fail.

Any resident of the United States, who is not naturalized should take the necessary steps towards becoming an American citizen as soon as it can be accomplished.

Any citizen who does not value his right to vote sufficiently to exercise it should emigrate to some island where voting is unknown.

Bits Of Humor

A wise fellow stepping up to the bus as it stopped the other morning said to the driver:

"Well, Noah, is the Ark full?"

The motorman answered back: "Nope, we need one more monkey. Come on in."

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Contrary to general belief, an egotist is not a man who thinks too much of himself; he is one who thinks too little of other people.

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And a diplomat is one who can tell you to go to hell so pleasantly that you're anxious to get started.

Note: The Editor frequently tells me to go there but he's no diplomat.

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The parking space across the street is what disappeared while you were making a U-turn.

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"Pop, what does it mean when it says a man attends a convention as a delegate-at-large?"

"That means his wife wasn't along."

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Politician: "Did your paper say I was a liar and a scoundrel?"

Editor: "It did not."

Politician: "Well, some paper in this town said so."

Editor: "It may have been our competitor down the street. We never print stale news."

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"I just found out your uncle's an undertaker. I thought you told me he was a doctor."

"Nope, I just said he followed the medical profession."

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Old maids look for husbands every day—Business Agents' wives look for husbands every night.

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Human ailments are about the same as ever but the Docs have given them more expensive names.

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A man who doesn't know his own mind hasn't missed much.

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A sense of humor is what makes you laugh at something that would make you mad if it happened to you.

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When a woman lowers her voice it's a sign she wants something; when she raises it, it's a sign she didn't get it.

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That stenographer says the ideal man should be tall, dark and havesome.

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If your girl friend sneezes she may be catching cold; if she yawns she's probably getting cold.

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Our union halls should have speaker systems that would amplify the orators' ideas as well as their voices.

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With some of them, the weaker the logic; the stronger the volume.

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Bill Smock learned that laughing hyenas eat once a week and mate once a year; and he wonders what they have to laugh about.

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A good executive is a man who decides. Sometimes he decides right and sometimes he decides wrong—but he decides.

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Bennie the Bartender pointed with pride to a sign of his own design: "Please Don't Stand Up When The Bar Is In Motion."

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He—"I am a self made man."

She—"Well, you're certainly big about it. Lots of men would blame somebody else."

Teamsters Help A Sick Boy

Portland, Ore.—Bobby Lee Cox, 27-month-old son of James Cox of Local 162, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL), is doing much better today, thanks to his daddy's union.

Little Bobby suffers from bronchial asthma. The only way to help the child, doctors told Cox, was to send him to a high, dry climate. But that cost money. And the Cox budget, already strained to the breaking point by medical bills, couldn't cover the expense.

So the baby remained at home and suffered. Attack followed attack. Finally Bobby almost died after a particularly severe seizure. Only emergency oxygen treatment by the fire department saved his life. Bobby's weak body might not be able to withstand another attack, doctors warned.

Cox appealed to the local welfare agencies and to his boss for help. None was forthcoming.

Then Local 162 came to the rescue.

Union members pitched in with enough money to provide transportation for the family and their household goods to Bend, a central Oregon town on the high plateau east of the Cascades. There another IBT local took over, helped the family find a home and got Cox a job.

Today the color is coming back to Bobby's cheeks, he's beginning to gain weight, his frail body is fighting its way back to health. Some day his dad will tell tim how the union made him strong.



"My dear, there's not another soul here who has more money than you have!"



OUR GROUNDHOG WORLD

By Geo. Cartwright

BREAD

Congressman Young, (N.D.) speaking, 8-15-49: "There has been a great deal of evidence taken by the Subcommittee on Utilization of Farm Crops . . . on the use of chemicals in the baking industry as a substitute for natural fats and oils, **the disastrous effect of such practice on the producers of natural fats and oils and the deleterious effect upon consumers.**"

"Witnesses have told the committee lard and vegetable shortening face a serious threat from these so-called **chemical emulsifiers** or bread softeners beginning to be used in volume in the baking industry. Witnesses claim that use of one pound of chemical **with a fatty base made from petroleum** they can replace six pounds of fats and oils by adding 5 pounds of water to the pound of chemical."

"Witnesses have told the committee the **over-all results of constant injection of these chemicals into the human system is going to ultimately break down the health of our people.**"

HAWAII STRIKE

"Harry Bridges' weekly Dispatcher has published several long articles showing that at least 99 per cent of U. S. press is not only attacking this union for the Hawaii strike, but about 99 per cent of the press fakes, perverts and propagandizes the news—it is practically impossible to get an honest report of the Hawaiian story in more than 1 per cent—which would be 17 newspapers.

"August 8 the Roy Howard chain of 19 papers frontpages a piece by its professional Red-baiter and smearer, Frederick Woltman, headed: 'Murray Will Help U. S. Try Bridges as Perjurer.'

"August 9 The Associated Press, most reliable of three newspaper services, sent out the **official 'emphatic denial'** of the Woltman story. The CIO public relations department nailed the Woltman story as a lie. Many papers which frontpaged the fake did not even both to bury the denial. They just killed it entirely."—In Fact, 8-29-49.

HOME INDUSTRY

In the days when Mark Hanna was president and Bill McKinley was in the White House the protective tariff slogan was protect home industry with high tariff. Recently a brave citizen publishes a letter, using initials instead of his name, advocating a penalty on firms employing people recently arrived in California. When Hoover's prosperity was "around the corner" in Grapes of Wrath days, people were stopped at California border for examination to determine if they had the price of a few acres of California sunshine or the rent to pay for it by the month. Shortly prior thereto Californias Inc., were spending close to a half million dollars a year in Saturday Evening PEST, the Mussolini booster weekly, and other magazines to encourage importation of the "Eastern Tenderfoot," to "Go West, Young man." It makes quite some difference whether Uncle Sam has free land in the West or the land is covered with landholders' paper titles from coast to coast. To carry the "Patronize Home Industry" idea to its logical conclusion everybody would have to cut his own hair and cut out his own appendix if it annoyed him.

LOBBYISTS

Recently light has been turned on lobbylist activities at Sacramento. Public memory is short. The several volumes of Legislative History of sessions at Sacramento by the veteran newspaperman, Franklin Hichborn, have kept this before the public since Prosecutor Heney was shot in open court in San Francisco. Concurrently in Congressional Record, 8-5-49, pages 11091 to 11147 (56 pages fine print) we have public record of Washington's lobbyists, who they are, for whom they work and what it costs us in their pay, included by cost accountants in price of corporation products and services. Lobbyist salaries and millions of campaign outlays of incorporated monopoly are a part of our "Cost of High Living."

N. B. Page 11077 of same date records Natural Gas Corporation's efforts to break down Federal Power Commission rates control.

WORDS A LA MODE

Why read, why hear, why spur our
youth to college.
Why strive for wisdom, built on
shining knowledge,
When words mean not our freedom but our fetters,
And savages, illiterate, are our
betters?
In books and papers, radio and
presses,
All except the candid truth obsesses
Debunkers who daub on a panorama
Flaunting seamy lives and melodrama.
They always ride upon the winds
of fashion;
They have a canny sense what they
can cash in.
In every realm, from art to politics,
Propaganda takes most of the
tricks.
**Words a la mode seem gilded with
such lying
In martyrdom now most true men
are dying.**

—James Patrick McGovern.

AUTO HINTS

Wheel Misalignment — Automobile wheel alignment may be affected by the position of the car's springs. A heavy load on the rear of the car, such as a trailer or several passengers and baggage, may change the position of the front end sufficiently to cause misalignment.

Easy Does It—It's difficult to anticipate the actions of a child at play, so go easy on the gas when passing school zones or when you see children playing near the street.

Pitted Windshield—An automobile windshield that has been pitted by being struck by particles of gravel or other sharp objects will deflect light rays and cause excessive glare from approaching headlights. Cost of replacing a defective windshield is not excessive, and conditions can be improved by replacing the glass at least on the driver's side.

Nervous—Don't Drive — Many drivers try to take it out on other motorists when feeling nervous or out-of-sorts. It's a dangerous practice. If you're worried or upset, let someone else take the wheel.

Depression?

The private utility companies evidently haven't heard about the depression which, the NAM says, now confronts the nation.

Net income of private power concerns increased 14 per cent in the first six months of 1949 over the same period last year.

YOUR DOLLAR

DENTRIFICES

The new ammoniated dentifrices may ultimately prove to be valuable in helping prevent tooth decay, but their value has not yet been definitely established, says Consumers Union in the current issue of Consumer Reports. Those tested by Consumers Union (28 brands) are at present much more expensive than non-ammoniated preparations. The main purpose of a dentrifice is to aid the toothbrush in cleaning the teeth. Ninety-three brands of tooth pastes and powders were tested by Consumers Union mainly for abraisiveness and presence of grit, although tests were also performed to determine the degree of acidity or alkalinity, and the presence of harmful ingredients.

Because most persons' teeth stain to some extent, dentifices should have some abrasive action, but for most users a minimum degree of abraisiveness is satisfactory. Many tested were found to be excessively abrasive, since they contained particles which scratched glass in laboratory tests.

Among the least expensive pastes of low abrasiveness rated "Acceptable" were **Rexall** Milk of Magnesia, 35c; **Phillips'** Milk of Magnesia, 39c; **Iodent No. 2**, 43c. Ammoniated pastes of low abrasiveness rated "Acceptable" were **Peb-Ammo**, 49c; **Dox**, 49c; **DK** Anti Acid, 49c; **Ammi-I-Dent**, 53c. Among the least expensive powders of low abrasiveness found "Acceptable" were **Pebeco**, 25c; **Briten**, 50c; **Iodent No. 2**, **43c.** "Acceptable" ammoniated powders of low abrasiveness were **Ammoniated Dr. Lyon's**, 47c; **Amm-O-Cal**, 59c; **Colgate** Ammoniated, 43c; **Pepsodent** Ammoniated, 43c.

TIDE AND FAB

Tide has proved to be the best synthetic detergent so far tested by CU for use in hard water. For washing cottons and woolens in hard water, **Tide** and **Fab** were both better than soap. In soft water, **Tide** was almost as good as soap for washing cottons, just as good as soap for washing woolens. For most uses, **Fab** was inferior to **Tide.**

The cost of **Tide** or **Fab** is approximately the same as that of the granulated soaps ordinarily used in laundering. Some users have complained that they find **Tide** irritating to the skin. Anyone noticing irritation should discontinue its use.

ELECTRIC REFRIGERATORS

In tests of 10 electric refrigerators, Consumers Union placed the major emphasis on such characteristics as refrigerating performance, economy of operation, and insulation. Consideration was also given to finish, space arrangement and such convenience features as ice-cube and ice-tray removal, door handles, grid spacing and shelf stability, ease of cleaning, etc. The refrigerators tested were the lowest priced, least "de luxe" model in each line; the size of each model closest to 8 cubic feet was selected for the tests. Three refrigerators came out at the head of CU's "Acceptable" list which is published in the current issue of Consumer Reports. They are:

General Electric NB8-E, $229.75, 8.1 cu. ft. (manufacturer states that GE NB8-F, $229.75, is the 1949 model identical with the above refrigerator); Westinghouse S-7-49, $229.95, 7.0 cu. ft. (manufacturer states that Westinghouse D-7-49, $229.95, is the same except for a slightly more de luxe interior); Sears Coldspot, Cat. No. 4871, 7.3 cu. ft., $199.95 plus shipping charges (from about $3 to about $10).

BALL-POINT PENS

Many inexpensive and satisfactory ball-point pens are now available, laboratory tests by Consumers Union show. The average price of the 45 models tested by Consumers Union was $1.75 and many good ones could be bought for about $1. A ball-point pen can write for a long time without refilling, is somewhat less easily damaged than a fountain pen; it will make carbon copies, and the ink won't wash off the paper. However, the inks generally fade much faster than fountain pen inks. In buying a ball-point pen, be sure to examine carefully the pen you intend to purchase; select one which writes easily and smoothly without requiring heavy writing pressure.

According to the current issue of Consumer Reports, CU placed the following low-priced pens high on the "Acceptable" list: BB Retractable, 98c; Sheaffer Fineline, $1.50; Universal Buck Ball, $1; BB, 98c; Ingersoll, $1.

LAWN MOWERS

Consumers Union is now completing tests of about 35 hand lawn mowers. About half of them have shown more or less serious defects during use tests. Of the rest, four have demonstrated characteristics which are expected to place them high on the quality list. They not only passed the wear test satisfactorily but were superior to others in maneuverability, ease of adjustment, and results in terms of the appearance of the lawns on which they were used. They were: Clemson Model E-17, $31.95; Toro Sportsman, $32.50; Worcester Master, $23.40; and Worcester Shear, $29.95.

"Your Dollar" is a digest of articles appearing in Consumer Reports (the monthly magazine published by Consumers Union, 38 E. First Street, N. Y. 3, and available by individual subscription at $5 a year). Product ratinngs are based on unbiased laboratory tests on samples purchased by Consumers Union in the open market.

Yes, the Labor Govt. Will Be Re-Elected

Health, Security Tops in England

By HAROLD WINCH,
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Amsterdam.—What strikes one very forcibly in both Britain and Denmark is the absence of war-mongering and hysteria so prevalent in the United States, and to a lesser degree, in Canada. The people here are not pro-Communist; they are anti-Communist. But they do not have the same fear of a war with Russia as is being engendered in North America.

Everyone I have spoken to is severely critical of the U. S. attitude. The big question on people's minds, both in England and on the continent, is how best to get the countries on a firm footing, less dependent on the dollar countries and able to meet the situation when Marshall aid ends.

CRITICIZE U. S.

There is considerable resentment against the holier-than-thou attitude as expressed in the U. S. criticism of Britain and continental countries. As is emphasized so often, these countries were occupied and/or bombed; their industries were destroyed. While they are now picking up from a point lower than in 1939; the U. S., with all its manpower and resources, with no bomb destruction, was able to use the needs of a war period to speed up productivity, to take advantage of every technological advance, and to place herself on a stronger economic footing than ever before.

Over here they could not do that. How, therefore—in view of their need of resources and equipment, in view of the heavy capital expenditures that must be made, in view of the fact that they cannot match North American manshift production — can they meet the lower export prices demanded by the U. S. and Canada? Without exports to North America, they have no hope of relieving the dollar shortage. I think the situation and outlook over here can be summed up by saying: How can there be stability, and a solution of the problems, when U. S. insists on exporting all she can and importing as little as possible?

HEALTH, SECURITY

It is positively inspiring to note the determination of the Social Democratic Governments to provide health and security to the mass of the people, even if it does entail some sacrifice at the present time.

In the postwar period, the government of Britain has repaired and reconstructed bombed-out dwellings, and built new ones, to a total of just under one million. The objective of the plan was to build 750,000 new homes. They have been built, or are in the process of construction. The government subsidizes each home rental for a period varying from 50 to 60 years at the rate of $62.50 a year. The local government is also expected to subsidize to a similar extent. For homes containing three bedrooms the average rent in a government housing project is $5.00 a week including tax charges.

'A GOOD JOB'

In its basic approach, I am very much taken with the Health Services program in Britain. There are many problems to be solved and kinks to be ironed out; but certainly that is to be expected in a new endeavor of such magnitude. Every person is covered for health services and every type of medical service is free.

Everyone appears to agree that the Labor Government is dong a good job in the field of education. Six thousand schools were destroyed in bombing raids. There is a very large school construction program. All major text books, pens, pencils and exercise books, are supplied free.

One hears considerable grumbling about the rationing of certain foodstuffs. Undoubtedly it is severe—not only for the government that has to impose it, but for the poor housewife who has the formidable task of trying to put up appetizing meals daily. But the people are all getting their fair share of what can be made available; and are receiving a balanced diet.

Ten years ago Britain imported 64 per cent of its food; today only 50 per cent.

BETTER NOURISHED

Ten years ago rickets in Britain were an everyday sight. During three weeks in England I saw only three children with boney knees and elbows and looking obviously underfed. That included my visits to the slums, too. Britain is building for the future, and apparently feels that the start should be made with the children of today. The babies in the poorest of families can receive the same nourishing food values as Prince Charlie in Clarence House. If you haven't the money, you get it free.

The other day the chief medical officer for Britain, in a radio broadcast, declared that rates for maturity mortality, infant mortality and communicable diseases, are the lowest in record. He concluded by saying that he credited this remarkable achievement to the enlightened sensible policy of the present government.

Next letter I hope to write about Denmark, its housing, its cooperatives and schools. I am greatly impressed with what is being attempted in that country.

IS THIS SOCIALISM?

If what I have seen in the past month is Socialism, then the sooner we have it for all mankind, the better. Naturally, in lands of austerity, where governments are facing gigantic tasks, there is a lot of grumbling, and sometimes with cause. When I asked the man in the street, on the job, in the pub, what he thought about the present government, he had lots of criticism to offer.

But when I said, "Well, how about a Conservative government, then?," the answer invariably came back, "Good God, NO!"

The Labor Government will be re-elected.

Small, Greedy Group Blamed

Pittsburgh.—In a Labor Day speech broadcast over a nationwide radio hookup Sept. 5, CIO President Philip Murray blamed the present recession on "a small but greedy group of men who direct the destinies of our vast industrial machine."

He termed the recession "corporation-made . . . delivered to the American people f.o.b.—f.o.b. Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago, San Francisco—and Wall Street."

While Labor Day should be a day of relexation for every American worker, the CIO leader said, "today the shadow of recession and unemployment hangs over the home of every working family. . . . Thousands of families are almost at the end of their economic rope."

But organized labor, Murray warned, will not sit by and watch the nation drift into depression and despair. "We in labor intend to stop it before it is too late," he said, adding: "We can halt the trend of recession through good-faith collective bargaining and through thoughtful legislation." Murray used the steel industry as an example of how big business has said No to the legitimate demands of unions for wage boosts, pensions and other benefits.

"I wish that every worker, every American, could have attended the hearings of the fact-finding board," he said. "Never in all my experience have I heard such a continuous stream of absurdities, of ill-founded charges, of vicious allegations and malicious defiance of the Government of the U. S."

Murray rapped the "coalition of Nothern Republicans and Southern Dixicrats in the 81st Congress" for listening to the corporation lobbies rather than to the people. He warned that their record of obstructionism will be remembered by the people in the 1950 elections.

The Racket In Funerals

"The American Policeman," published in Los Angeles, blasts some deceptive billboard advertising by an L. A. funeral parlor which says "A Fine Funeral for as Low as $60." The words "for as Low as" are so small they are barely legible. The article points out that the minimum on most funerals is $225, and to deceive the grif-stricken relatives in this manner should be investigated by the Crime Commission, the article declares.

"There is no racket on the face of the earth as heartless, cruel, and inhuman—and sickening—as "The Atrocious Multi-Million Dollar Body-Snatching Racket," which will be fully exposed in future editions . . .," the article declares.

It urges that the recently-voted state lobby investigation include a searching inquiry into "cemetery lobbyists." "This is a matter which should and probably will receive the full attention of Governor Warren's Crime Commission and the State Legislature in spite of the high-powered cemetery lobbyists who will move heaven and earth—and possibly even commit murder if necessary—to prevent a public airing of this nefarious racket."

Mechanical cotton pickers are replacing hand pickers in the United States. However, the amount picked by machine during 1946 was less than 1 per cent of the total crop.

SALINAS--HOME OF CALIFORNIA RODEO!

WHY?

The newspapers have given a lot of space in recent months to price reductions on clothing and other goods. They have been at great pains to belabor the point that if labor will just refrain from "rocking the boat" by demanding wage increases, the cost of living will soon be substantially lower.

But what has really happened? As most of us know the price cuts so far have been small and in many cases they have been more than offset by increases in rent and other commodities.

Whole purpose of this standing farce about high wages and prices is to keep labor scared of asking for a somewhere nearly fair share of America's vast wealth and to smokescreen the tremendous profits now being made by our ruling families.

PATRONIZE THE ADVERTISERS

Health is for Rich Only!

The trouble seems to be that our medical care is not distributed even roughly in proportion to need. Like most other things in the United States today, medical care is costly and the poor just do not have the money to buy it. Some lack adequate medical personnel, and a few such areas lack even a bare minimum of medical attention.

Kansas City to Ask 2,000 Housing Units

Kansas City, Mo.—Kansas City will apply for 2,000 housing units under the recently enacted public housing law. Originally it had asked for 1,250 units but demand for housing led to the increased request.

Local 483 Reports

HOTEL AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE AND BARTENDERS' INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF AMERICA — AFFILIATED WITH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR — UNION HOUSE — AND SECTION THE BARGAINING OF ORGANIZED LABOR

MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

Thursday, September 15th is the FINAL day to register for voting, so if you are not now a registered voter, dash right down to our Union Hall, and get yourself registered! And how about the rest of your family? Check up and make sure that every eligible member of YOUR family fulfills the responsibilities of their citizenship by being REGISTERED VOTERS. You must register if: You have not voted at the last General Election; you have changed your address; or if you have changed your name. Citizens of foreign birth must present naturalization papers at time of registration. Many issues of VITAL IMPORTANCE to you, as a wage earner, will be on the ballot this November 8th. . . . How about making YOUR voice heard by casting your ballot. Every vote counts, and the more Americans voting, the greater our chances of obtaining legislation which is truly representative.

Sister Dorothy Leitz, about to take a short vacation with husband Ray, had a most unfortunate accident last week. A jar of home-canned vegetables exploded in her hand, causing severe and painful cuts and severed tendons. Our sympathy goes to "Dee," along with hopes for her speedy recovery and early return to her work at Hotel San Carlos.

Sister Cagie Lee Watson (whom many of us know as Pottharst) reports that she is greatly improved since undergoing surgery early this summer, but that it will still be several months before she is able to return to work. Lee has been a member of Local 483 since its reorganization in 1937, and her presence at our union meeting is greatly missed. Hurry back, Lee, and resume your place in our midst.

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FORT ORD

The Army Officers' Club at Fort Ord has been in contact with your Union Office for several months, investigating the possibilities of utilizing civilian help in the operation of the Club facilities. The first of this month the decision was made, and your union sent a full crew out to the Fort to commence operation of the kitchen and dining room. Chef Phillip Woodside, who was formerly employed at the Estrada Room, heads up the crew, and first reports from all sources indicate that the change-over has been very successful. In any case, it seems logical that the Army Officers would prefer having their food served by an attractive waitress rather than by a G.I. waiter!

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BARBECUE?

Since Election Day is coming up in a few short weeks, and since we haven't had any general outing so far this year, how about a real, first-class barbecue for members, their families and friends this coming November 8th? Your Executive Board is now considering such plans, and will present their decision to the membership at the next meeting, Wednesday, September 21st, at 2:30 p.m. How about YOU being present to give your officers the benefit of your advice on this and other subjects? Incidentally, the meeting on the 21st promises to be a very interesting gathering, and topics of great importance to all the members of our union will be discussed. There is plenty of work to do . . . and it will be done more quickly and more efficiently with your active participation and assistance.

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CANNERIES

Monterey's Fishing Fleet has reportedly settled their contract differences with the canners as this is being written, so indications are that our fall and winter employment picture will be greatly improved when the fishermen and canneries are once more busily and productively engaged. The entire community is greatly in need of an economic "shot in the arm" after three years of very limited fishing and canning. Let's hope that the current fishing season will be a real success for the betterment of our entire community. If you should get a whiff of that old "Monterey Perfume" during the next few days, don't gripe, Kids . . . the causes of that smell are essential to the economic lifeblood of our town!

Don't let the temporary absence of our pickets from the Karmelkorn lull you into believing that a settlement has been attained. Our attorney and our negotiating committee have had no success in obtaining a fair settlement from this firm to date, so it will be necessary to again take up the cudgel against these narrow-minded proponents of "open shop conditions" in our midst. Any reports you may hear concerning the "surrender" of your union are completely without foundation. The economic sanctions will soon be resumed, and will continue until we attain a union shop contract, or until the Karmelkorn closes its doors. It will be necessary for every union member to do their individual best to help win this struggle. See to it that your family and friends are given the facts concerning this anti-labor outfit and the union-busting "Employers' Council" which represents these operators. Make it your daily business to steer customers to our union places of business . . . and lessen the tingle of the "open shop" cash registers.

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Don't forget our next union meeting, Wednesday, September 21st, 2:30 p.m. There will be plenty of standing room when the chairs are all filled!

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AND—dues are still payable on or before the fifteenth of each month, if you wish to keep your expense down! And the non-attendance collections are a nuisance also—let's get to the meetings and eliminate the excuses and apologies. Your office staff has heard them all—and they don't sound any better now than they did last year!

George L. Rice, Secretary.

IBEW Eliminating "B" Memberships

The International Executive Council, on the recommendation of I.P. Dan Tracy, has considered the problems presented because of the "B" members within the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Originally "B" Charters were issued to allow Local Unions such as those serving Utility Workers and Electric Manufacturing Workers to organize those in the low pay brackets during the period when they "could not afford" to pay the higher rate of dues paid by full beneficial or "A" members. In other words, "B" membership was created to meet the competition of other organizations which offered a dues rate lower than the "A" dues of the I.B.E.W.

The Brotherhood has been largely successful in organizing these people by means of offering the low per capita dues rate through "B" membership. It is now apparent that the I.B.E.W. has succeeded in bringing their wage rates up to the point where "A" or "B" dues rates will not be too great a financial burden on these members. But this is not the reason for the present recommended change.

EQUALITY IN VOTING

The I.E.C. points out that while "B" members have equal voting rights in Local Unions, they are only allowed 1 vote for each 50 members in conventions and the International Referendum. Further the existence of "B" membership has given opponents of the I.B.E.W. propoganda ammunition. They call our "B" membership "second class citizenship within a Union."

Hence the recommendation that Local Unions transfer their "B" members to either "A" or "BA" membership.

BENEFICIAL MEMBERSHIP.

All "B" members under 55 years of age are entitled to "A" membership. Do it now, you will never regret it.

Workin' on the Railroad, 40 Hrs.!

Chicago.—Sept. 1 was a big day for 1,000,000 non-operating employees of the nation's railroads. Years after most other workers, they finally went on a 40-hour week.

At the same time they received a 7c hourly wage raise retroactive to last Oct. 1. Both the shorter workweek and the increase were recommended by a Presidential fact-finding board and agreed to by the railroads last March.

Tens of thousands of rail workers, designated as operating employees, will still work more than 40 hours weekly.

Pleading economy, many of the major roads have fired thousands of workers. In July, for example, the Pennsylvania System employed 112,000 workers. A year ago the number was 143,000.

As a money-saving device, some lines are closing smaller passenger and freight stations on Saturdays. Convenience of the passengers, apparently, is not being considered.

Bus Drivers Win 5c in Tennessee

Chattanooga, Tenn.—A 5c hourly wage boost to members of the Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees (AFL) averted a strike on the Southern Coach Lines here August 31.

The union's Nashville and Chattanooga locals had authorized a walkout following management's refusal to grant any increases.

By an overwhelming margin, union members okayed the settlement, which also included other benefits. The original union demand was for a 17c increase.



MISS CHICAGO 1949 — Shapely Teresa Giorgian, 20, is shown after she was chosen Miss Chicago 1949 at a beauty contest. Next step is the contest for Miss America. At right is Sandra Perle, runner-up.

Economist Calls On Businessmen To Prevent Bust

"The future of Capitalism is in the hands of business," Dr. Ira B. Cross told members of the American Society of Civil Engineers' San Francisco Section last month.

Dr. Cross, who is Flood professor of economics at the University of California, declared that to save the free enterprise system, American businessmen must voluntarily take steps to "make a life of security and happiness for the people."

He estimated that there are approximately 450,000 unemployed in California and called attention to the fact that, nationally, industrial production has been going down steadily since January, citing it as an indication that we are heading for depression.

Dr. Cross called the Marshall Plan and the cold war "a Godsend for industry here," expressing belief that "a depression was due us in 1948, and only government spending has held it off."

He voiced opposition to the Marshall Plan, stating that the European nations which have not received Marshall Plan funds are ahead of those which have in economic recovery.

Declaring that "there is no valid reason why we should have a depression here," the authority recommended these steps to prevent a bust:

1. Bring protective tariffs down.
2. Stop supporting farm prices by government controls.
3. Enforce anti-trust laws to break up monopolies.
4. Bring up wages and/or lower prices.
5. Crack down on misleading advertising.

Section President Austin W. Earl conducted the meeting.

Big Steel Man on Munitions Board

Washington.—A group of senators in the Armed Services Committee let it be known September 2 that they will make an issue of confirmation of Vice President Carl A. Ugenfritz of U. S. Steel to be chairman of the Munitions Board.

They have learned that Ugenfritz plans to take a year's leave from his company and retain his $70,000 a year salary and accumulated retirement benefits. They have been informed he cannot afford to live on the $14,000 paid the chairman of the Munitions Board.

While the Senators in question did not care to make their names known at this time, it was stated they will make an issue of the whole idea of appointing men of big business to key government jobs. They admit that the full committee may approve the nomination and it may be confirmed by the Senate. But they want the issue brought before the public and will make a fight on it.

Injury Rate Drops

Washington.—The injury rate in all manufacturing in the United States declined by 8.5 per cent in 1948 from 18.8 injuries per million man-hours to 17.2, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced Sept. 2.

325,000 Die Needlessly!

The physicians and representatives of other groups who attended the National Health Conference in Washington two years ago estimated that of the approximately 1,400,000 deaths yearly in this country about 325,000 or over 20 per cent, are preventable on the basis of our present medical knowledge. The conference recommended that we should increase our medical expenditures by approximately $4,100,000,000 under a national health insurance program. This recommendation was joined in by all the delegates to the conference except the representatives of the American Medical Association. If we spend this additional sum for medical care, we would save yearly approximately 325,000 human lives of incalcuable value, and in money terms save all their annual earnings.

AFL Chemical Workers Win New Wage Boost

Binghampton, N. Y.—Ansco Division of General Aniline & Film Corp. granted 1,500 production workers represented by the AFL International Chemical Workers Union a 5-cent hourly pay increase under a new contract.

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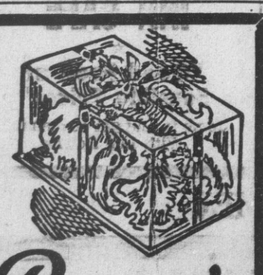
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The new Ford car will be mainly a face-lifting job performed on the Fortyniner, UAW toolmakers predict.

Elimination of the ornamental grille and substitution of a second set of front bumpers is the principal change in the new Buick, first of the General Motors cars in the next cycle to make its appearance.



Wholesalers Again Increase Prices; Here are Buying Tips

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Retailers have barely finished posting the price reductions on clothing and other goods that might help halt the current recession, and now manufacturers are already starting to raise wholesale prices again.

The new round of price hikes is as yet small and scattered, and will not be seen in the stores for some time. But the tendency is there. Wholesale prices of cotton materials have already advanced three per cent in the past two weeks. Rayon prices too are moving up. Mills are again marking up wholesale prices of bedsheets after a downtrend that lasted only seven months. You will see lower clothing prices in the stores this month, but in some cases manufacturers have also reduced quality.

And while prices of wool fabrics have been cut, suit makers have expressed determination to pass on as little of this reduction as possible to consumers. They may yet have to, because men have been refusing to buy except at special sales that offer genuine reductions.

In this tug of war between the manufacturers and consumers, one of the best aids in getting the most for your money in school clothing and other fall needs is to know which styles and fabrics offer the greatest reductions this month, and which are overpriced.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

You will find lower prices than last year on youngsters' apparel, but be particularly careful to buy only simple, undecorated garments. There's a definite trend among some manufacturers to add extra trim or other gadgets in lieu of the actual price reductions to be expected as the result of lower fabric costs. One manufacturer offers a ball pen packaged with a child's dress; another offers a record with little girl's panties. These are trick offers to avoid cutting prices.

Cottons have come down more than any other fabric. As much as possible, stick to cotton for back-to-school dresses and other garments. You'll find best values in dresses in the $3-$4 bracket for sizes 2 to 6, and $4-$5 for 7s to 14s. If you pay more than that, you'll likely get more decoration but not more usefulness. Avoid pleated skirts for little girls; they're not only more expensive to buy, but more work to wash and iron. Stay away from corduroy this year. It's being heavily promoted by the children's shops, but corduroy dresses even for very little girls are tagged $5; those for older children, as much as $15.

In boys' clothing, too, stick to cottons. Mixtures of cotton-and-wool in slacks and jackets are preferable to rayon-and-wool, or even all wool, not only for lower cost but for greater durability.

WOMEN'S CLOTHING

Here, too, there are certain fabrics to avoid this fall because the fashion people are promoting them hardest, and therefore they command premium prices. Particularly, stay away from rayon taffeta dresses and other crisp fabrics, and sheen gabardine suits. In many cases you'll find sheen gabardine shrinks excessively when cleaned because of the nature of the process used to manufacture it.

Cotton house dresses, without too much decoration so they can be used for street wear too, offer good value this fall. In percale, stick to the 80-square quality (that means 80 threads to the inch each way). You can buy 80-square percale dresses for as little as $1.95 this year, but select carefully because some stores are charging that for the lower quality 68x72 percale.

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HOSIERY

If you failed to take advantage of the summer sales of nylons, buy sparingly until after Christmas. Hosiery prices are now edging upward and will continue higher until after the gift season.

BATTERIES

Prices of auto batteries have come down drastically since last year, but now are starting to hike up as the result of a new upsurge in lead prices. If you need a replacement, look for a buy now. Best values by far are generally among the private brands of the large mail order houses, consumer co-ops and chain stores.

USED CARS

Second-hand autos are down as much as 30 per cent from early-summer peaks. But don't expect any really large cuts on the popular model new cars for some months. There's a little competition stirring in the auto business, but so far it's taking the form of more emphasis on utility models like the new Buick Special, and added features.

FOOD SHOPPING CALENDAR

As the result of extraordinarily heavy buying of eggs by the Government to support prices farmers receive, eggs are already 89 cents a dozen in some cities, and aiming at a $1-a-dozen mark later this fall. Since Congress has refused to correct this peculiar situation in which the Government itself forces up prices of necessities, you can only try to pare egg costs by buying pullet eggs, currently in fairly good supply. A dozen pullet eggs weigh a minimum of 18 ounces, a dozen large eggs, 24 ounces. When pullets cost 25 per cent less than large eggs, they're a better buy.

Meat is still expensive and won't start coming down appreciably until colder weather sets in. From now until November, use fish at least twice a week.

Supplies of fruits are heavy as the result of hot weather in growing areas. Peaches and pears are still reasonable (so much so that the Government has been buying up peaches to keep up their price). Buy them by the basket or box from farmers' markets or roadside stands to get a break.

Not Enough

A good many individuals have attempted to provide health care by insurance, through the Blue Cross particularly. But the Blue Cross, by far the most widespread of the insurance plans, does not pay for medical or surgical fees, nor anything to make up the loss of earnings, only the hospital charges.

Temos Crack Oil Firms, Win 10c

Chicago. — Some 1,600 gasoline truck drivers ended a 22-day strike here Sept. 1 when the major oil firms granted a 10c hourly wage boost.

At a midnight mass meeting, the members of Local 705, Intl. Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL) approved a settlement negotiated with industry representatives in a 16-hour marathon bargaining session.

The 10c hike is retroactive to July 1, when the old contract expired. In addition to the increase, the pact provides for three-week vacations after 15 years and other benefits. The new pay scale will be $1.87½ an hour.

Although the independent oil companies signed an agreement before the strike began calling for a 17½c hourly raise, the big firms refused to meet union demands.

While thousands of motorists were reported by Chicago newspapers to be "inconvenienced" during the early days of the strike, the union had arranged for a big flow of gasoline to independent stations. They were equipped to handle the normal needs of the city's autoists, who buy several million gallons daily.

The Chicago Sun-Times, which has been quiet about arbitration during the 22-month strike against it by the Chicago local of the Intl. Typographical Union (AFL), conducted a campaign aimed at forcing the Teamsters to accept arbitration. The paper wanted the drivers to go back on the employers' terms which, at best, gave a 7½c raise.

The Labor Day weekend, with motorists readying for long trips, was believed to be an important factor in the final decision of the big oil companies to give ground.

Two days before the walkout wound up, the Sinclair Refining Co. filed an NLRB complaint charging Local 705 with a secondary boycott. Sinclair alleged that strikers had "induced" operating rail employees to refuse to transport or handle the company's products.

This pressure on the union, however, failed to force the men back.

Opinions on Trade Unions

It is my conviction that on the whole the interests of society are better served when employees are represented by independent trade unions than when they are represented by even generally independent establishments, organized with membership limited to employees of a single company. — Professor Paul F. Brissenden, Columbia University School of Business.

During the last eight years there has been a remarkable spread of interest throughout the trade union world in union management cooperation as a result of the intensive field studies which have been made. I am strongly of the opinion that the trade union is far superior to the company union as an instrumentality for improving technical efficiency. — Professor Sumner H. Slichter, Harvard University.

Without labor unions the laborers would have to take in wages and conditions what the employers offered. The laborers in certain industries have aided themselves by their trade unions to secure better conditions — Albert Bushnell Hart, Professor of Government in Harvard University.

I look to the trade unions as the principal means of benefiting the condition of the working classes.— Professor Thorold Rogers, University of Oxford.

No wonder they (labor unionists) despise the scab. He is justly despised. Far from being the independent, liberty-loving sould he is sometimes painted, the scab is a traitor to the economic foundations of democracy. He makes the basic associations difficult. He is an indigestible lump on the common life, and it is he who generates nine-tenths of the violence in labor disputes. — Walter Lippman, editor and publicist.

Republicans Live in Past

By SEN. SCOTT LUCAS (D., Ill.)

If we are to judge by their record in this Congress, we must come to the conclusion that the leaders of the Republican party still are bankrupt of any ideas.

The sad truth is that the leaders of the Republicans in Congress are still living in the days of the past.

The Republican leaders are too busy having nightmares about the dangers of the so-called "welfare state" to think seriously about the welfare of Americans.

What do they mean by the "welfare state?" Do they mean the kind of friendly government which has stimulated American business to pour out the most tremendous stream of goods ever seen in the modern world?

Do they mean the kind of liberal government which has protected the rights of American laboring men, established minimum wages, and encouraged the working people of America to attain the highest purchasing power they have ever known?

If that is the meaning of the "welfare state" in America, then I believe the American people will shout: "God give us more of it."

Molders Battle Anti-Union Boss

(State Fed. Release)

San Francisco—After nearly five months of dickering and negotiations, Frank Brown, of Molders Local 164, reports that the management of Waterman's Industries, Inc., at Exeter, Calif., is showing a more reasonable attitude.

Trouble at this plant started five months ago following an NLRB representation election. Three votes were challenged by the company, and it was only after appeal and the counting of these three votes that the union was able to win the election. The union continued to meet with the company and obtained the assistance of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. During the course of the negotiations the employees showed their complete faith in the support of the union by voting 28-2 for a union shop. The union continued its attempts to negotiate with the company, but in view of the stalemate which developed and the impossibility of getting any real concessions, the union was forced to call a strike on August 22.

Since that time the plant has been trying to get scabs throughout the entire Los Angeles area, but has had no success. The company has had continuous support from the California Employers' Association, which represents employers throughout the state.

The union has found it necessary to organize the Waterman plant because this company has persisted in attempting to undercut the wages of employees doing similar work elsewhere in California.

The plant is a very elaborate one in which nearly a half million dollars are invested, and it appears at the present that the company is realizing the futility of letting such an investment lie idle.

All unions throughout the state are urged to refrain from assisting the company in its efforts to obtain scab labor.

More Hoover?

Former President Herbert Hoover is warning us again. This time, Mr. Hoover has decided that we are on our "last mile" to socialism. There's a chance, of course, Mr. Hoover could be wrong.

As we recall it, this same gentleman has been wrong before. It seems to us that we remember him predicting that "grass would grow in the streets" of our cities if a certain man were elected President instead of Mr. Hoover. The man Mr. Hoover feared so much was Roosevelt.

When Mr. Hoover was President he was scared of any affirmative action by our government to help the people. He is still scared. According to Mr. Hoover's theories, we must starve people and run our country into the ground rather than accept ideas that weren't popular with his grandfather.

That goes for social security, farm price supports, minimum wages, slum clearance, rural electrification, and almost every other useful government endeavor. One thing Mr. Hoover isn't predicting: That men will be selling apples on street corners again. — The Machinist.

The best throw with the dice, is to throw them away.—Old Proverb.

News For Women

CLEAN UP THAT STOVE

Take advantage of the first cool day to get your range in shape for its return to active duty in the fall.

It's worth all the trouble it takes to get your stove spic and span inside and out, for a spotless stove not only looks better but it cooks better and keeps the kitchen clean and free of unnecessary smoke and odors.

First of all, you should wipe up all spills and spatters quickly with a dry cloth or paper. Acid foods eat into enamel surfaces if left on but a wet cloth should not be used on a hot stove for fear of cracking the enamel.

Grease also comes off best when fresh and hot. Try to prevent spattering by keeping a small tray at one side of the stove for stirring spoons, tools and seasonings. Turn down the food as soon as food comes to a boil over high heat and let it simmer.

REGULAR CLEANING

Be sure, also, that you use containers large enough for the food you are cooking so that they don't cook over. Don't fill casseroles more than two-thirds full, so that the food has room to expand. If you have a juicy fruit pie that will probably bubble over, put a small cookie sheet with water in it under the pie pan.

After the stove is cool, clean the metal and porcelain surfaces with mild suds. Don't use too much water, though. If water drips down sides or into burners it will leave streaks and rusty spots. Charred particles on burners or heating units should be brushed out. If gas burners become clogged, clean them with a hairpin or wire. For a big cleaning, lift the units from the range and clean the rims underneath with a damp cloth. Use steel wool on burned particles clinging to the units.

OVEN CARE

If you have consistently used the low temperature method of roasting meat, the oven probably will have a minimum of grease spatters. But the walls, racks and bottom of nearly every oven eventually become stained. Scour well with scouring powder and steel wool or use one of the new degreasing fluids on the market.

Dilute ammonia helps remove scorched-on grease in ovens. The oven is often neglected because it is closed and out of sight. Wipe the walls and bottom of the oven with a cloth dipped in ammonia. Then put a little ammonia in a dish, set it on the bottom, close the door and allow to remain overnight. It should be easy to get the grease off next morning with a little rubbing.

Incidentally, if you remember to leave the oven open to cool, you can keep it clean and fresh and prevent rusting from enclosed steam.

Then there is the broiler. A broiler should be cleaned after each use, of curse, but there are a number of ways you can make the job easier for yourself. First of all, using the new aluminum foil on the broiler will cut down on the amount of scouring to be done afterwards. (Some grease will leak over the edges occasionally.)

Always pour off the hot fat as soon as you are finished with the broiler. Otherwise the fat will cook on the cooling broiler section and be even more difficult to get rid of. Wipe off excess grease with paper and wash pan in hot soapy water. Scour with steel wool or scouring powder to get burned particles off the pan.

Look for the union label, shop card, and button!

MONTEREY LABOR COUNCIL NOTES

Business at the meetings of the Monterey County Central Labor Union of Salinas during past two meetings has been light, due to absence of many delegates, most of whom were attending state labor conventions in Los Angeles.

The September 2 meeting was conducted by Past President Bob Shinn, in the absence of other officials.

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Raymond Schaal is new delegate from Retail Clerks Union 839, obligated recently.

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Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union 913 informed the council that the NLRB hearing on request of this AFL union for an election in the lettuce sheds had been postponed for two weeks and that the CIO was trying to prevent the election on grounds that the work performed was agricultural.

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Building trades unions have donated most of the work on the rebuilding of the Child Care Center in the Alisal area. Unions in the Salinas district are always willing to contribute time, labor, materials and money where necessary for a worthy and needy cause.

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Letters are to be sent by the council to all stores in the Salinas area in an effort to determine what union-made products are available here. Stores will be asked to submit lists of union label items carried in stock.

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Meeting of the council last Friday (Admission Day) was cancelled because of the holiday.

N. J. Governor Speeds Unemployment Pay

Trenton, N. J.—Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll has taken steps to speed payment of unemployment compensation claims, which have been running far behind and causing severe hardships for many families in the state.

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